STATE OF MONTANA

Office of the Governor

Executive Order No. 20-81

Executive Order exempting employment of private legal counsel on contract with a state agency, which has been approved by the Legal Services Review Committee, from the requirements of House Bill 26, now Chapter 547, Laws of Montana, 1981.

WHEREAS, House Bill 26, now Chapter 547, Laws of Montana, 1981, was passed by the 47th Legislative Assembly, and signed by me into law on April 29, 1981; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 547 is entitled, "An Act to control and regulate the use of private consultants by state agencies;" and

WHEREAS, Section 3(3) of Chapter 547, expressly states that the act does not apply to the employment of attorneys as specified by executive order of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 1981, I issued Executive Order No. 3-81, continuing the authority of the legal services review committee within the executive branch to review agency use of legal counsel, and establishing membership and review standards; and

WHEREAS, the Legal Services Review Committee has been established and operational;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TED SCHWINDEN, by the authority vested in me by Article VI, Section 4 of the Constitution of the State of Montana, Section 2-15-201, MCA, and Section 3(3) of Chapter 547, do hereby exempt from the requirements of Chapter 547, all employment of private legal counsel on contract with a state agency, which has been approved by the Legal Services Review Committee pursuant to Executive Order No. 3-81.

This order is effective immediately.

of the State of Montana, this 2/day of August, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighty-One.

TED-SCHWINDEN, Governor

ATTEST;

JIM WALVIERMIRE, Secretary of State

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